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receiving a plurality of <u>unfiltered</u> alerts, said alerts providing status information about different components in the computer; and

allowing a user to selectively disable a <u>future</u> display of one or more of said alerts to the user; and

recording status information associated with said alerts in a storage medium.

(Twice Amended) A method of monitoring the operational status of components in a computer comprising the acts of:

generating a notification about the status of at least one component in the computer, said notification comprising a first code which contains data about said component, said first code having a first data length;

receiving said notification unfiltered at a remote computer; and

transforming said notification into <u>an automatically displayed</u> [a] user-friendly display message comprising a second data length, wherein said second data length is significantly greater

than said first data length.

20. (Twice Amended) A method of [for] monitoring the operational status of components in a computer comprising the acts of:

providing a management information base which is configured to associate a plurality of indexes with different operational parameters related to said components;

generating at least one alert, said alert providing information about a change in an operational parameter in at least one component, said alert comprising one index of said indexes which identifies at least one of said operational parameters;

receiving said alert unfiltered from the computer; and

transforming said index in said alert into an automatically displayed [a] user-

friendly display message.

23. (Twice Amended) A method of displaying a system management user interface comprising the acts of:

providing at least one computer having a plurality of components;

generating a plurality of alerts, said alerts associated with the monitoring of status information about said plurality of components;

displaying said alerts on a manager computer;

allowing a user to select at least two of said alerts; and